



TO: John F. McDonough, City Manager

FROM: Garrin M. Coleman, P.E., Public Works Director

DATE: February 5, 2016 for Submission onto the Agenda for the February 16, 2016 Regular Meeting

ITEM: Consideration of Approval of a Letter of Intent with Livable Buckhead and Path Foundation for SR 400 Trail design from Loridans Drive to I-285/SR 400 Interchange Trail

Recommendation:

Public Works recommends that Sandy Springs approve a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Livable Buckhead, Inc. and Path Foundation to coordinate Preliminary Engineering design of a Path400 Trail extension from Loridans Drive to the I-285/SR 400 Interchange trail.

Background:

Sandy Springs adopted the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trail Plan in 2014, which included a recommendation for a multiuse trail adjacent to SR 400 within the existing Georgia DOT right-of-way. Livable Buckhead has taken the lead role to design the current Path400, a 5.2 mile mixed use trail extending from south Buckhead Atlanta to Loridans Drive. Livable Buckhead received a competitive grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) in December 2015 under the federally administered Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for FY 2016. The grant provides \$496,000.00 in federal matching dollars to continue design of Path400 northward. The local match, which is being provided by Livable Buckhead, is \$124,000.00, for a total design budget of \$620,000.00. Livable Buckhead and Path Foundation approached City of Sandy Springs to identify interest in the Path400 design extension into Sandy Springs from Atlanta.

Discussion:

It is proposed that Livable Buckhead and Path Foundation continue to manage the design process closely with City of Sandy Springs staff. Livable Buckhead will serve as the design Project Manager. City of Sandy Springs will provide procurement support and ongoing Project Management coordination throughout the design process as well as serve as project sponsor of the effort with GDOT/ARC. The Letter of Intent formalizes the agreement for coordination and management of the design process ahead of any formal paperwork regarding the grant.

Alternatives:

Sandy Springs can elect not to enter into a LOI with Livable Buckhead and Path Foundation for the Path400 design and seek alternative design options and funding.

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Financial Impact:

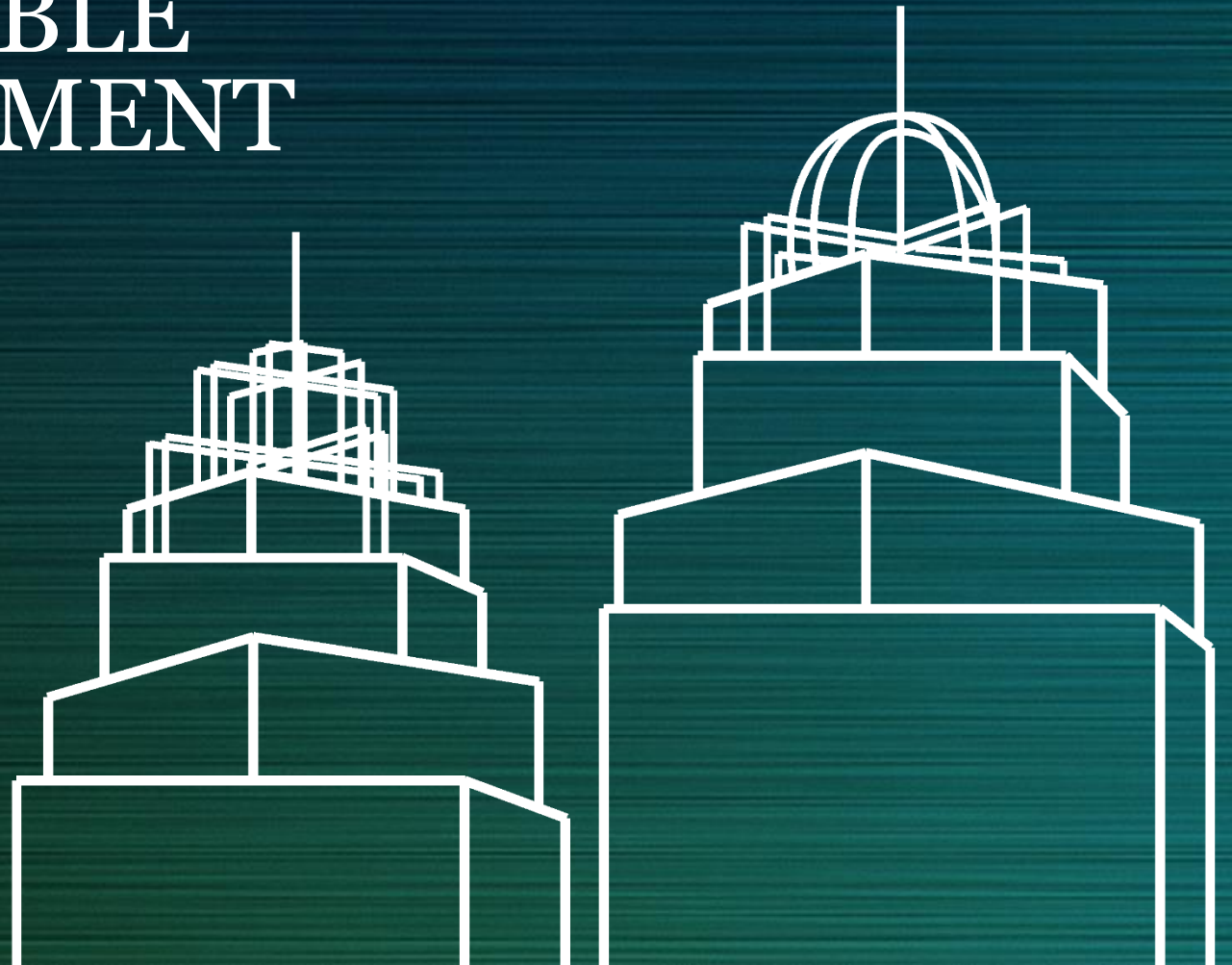
The current financial impact to the City of Sandy Springs is for providing staffing support for design project management and procurement. The City could augment the existing grant with funding to support additional design concepts, including east-west connections or extension of the Trail north of I-285. The budget to augment design services is to be determined.

Attachment:

- I. Presentation
- II. Letter of Intent
- III. Resolution

PATH400 DESIGN FOR SANDY SPRINGS AND LIVABLE BUCKHEAD AGREEMENT

February 16, 2016





What is it? History of Path400

2009 – City of Atlanta Project Greenspace Plan identified major park deficiencies in north Atlanta/Buckhead

2010 - Buckhead Greenspace Action Plan identified possible path to align with SR 400

2012 - Preliminary design undertaken by Livable Buckhead to design Path400, which extends 5.2 miles from Lindbergh area to Loridans Drive (just south of Sandy Springs)

2014

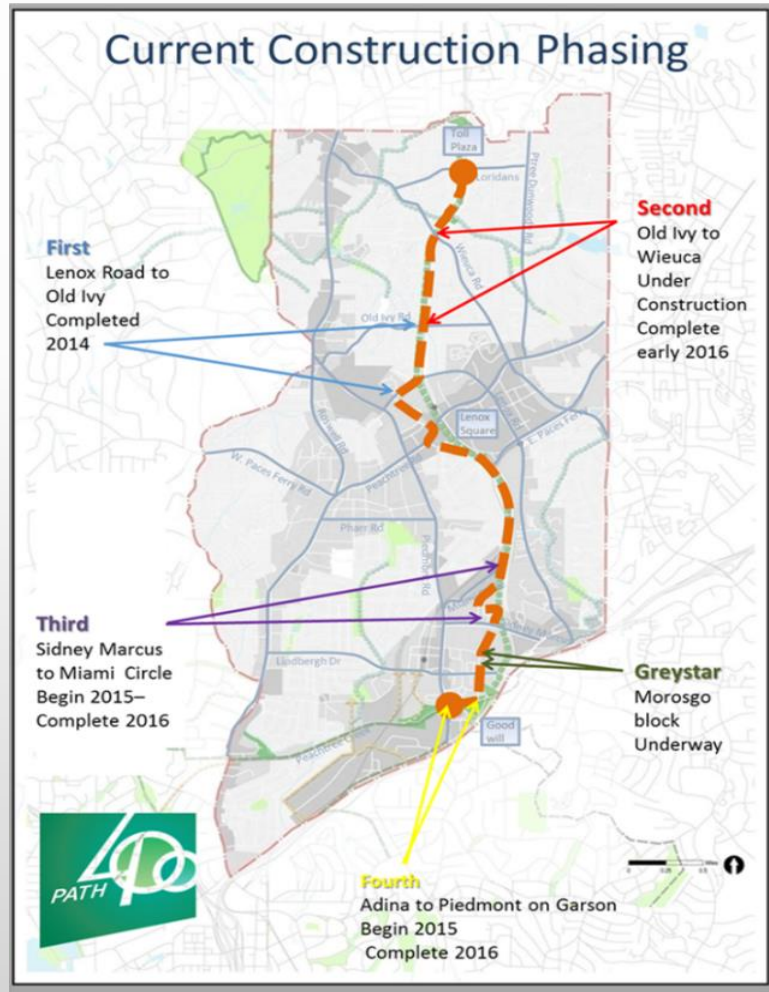
- Construction of first Path400 segment between Lenox Road and Old Ivy Road
- Sandy Springs adopts *Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trail Plan* with recommendation for multiuse trail along SR 400 from City of Atlanta to Roberts Drive

2015

- Opened first phases of Path400
- Initiated construction on second phase from Old Ivy Road to Wieuca Road
- Georgia DOT added trail segment from Glenridge Connector to Peachtree Dunwoody Road as element of I-285/SR 400 Interchange design with support from Sandy Springs and Path Foundation
- Livable Buckhead/City of Atlanta awarded grant from Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) in December of \$495k for designing trail extension from Loridans Drive to Georgia DOT project at I-285/SR 400

2016 - Potential to continue multiuse trail design into Sandy Springs

What is the current plan? Construction Phasing and Concepts



Current



Coming Soon



Source: Livable Buckhead, <http://livablebuckhead.com>

Who has been involved to date? Path400 Leadership



Organization Partners

Livable Buckhead – An independent non-profit organization focused on expanding greenspace and parkland in Buckhead and surrounding areas



Path Foundation – An independent non-profit organization that designs, funds, and constructs trails throughout Atlanta and the southeast



Buckhead Community Improvement District – Self-taxing business improvement district in Buckhead Atlanta

Role in Path400 Development

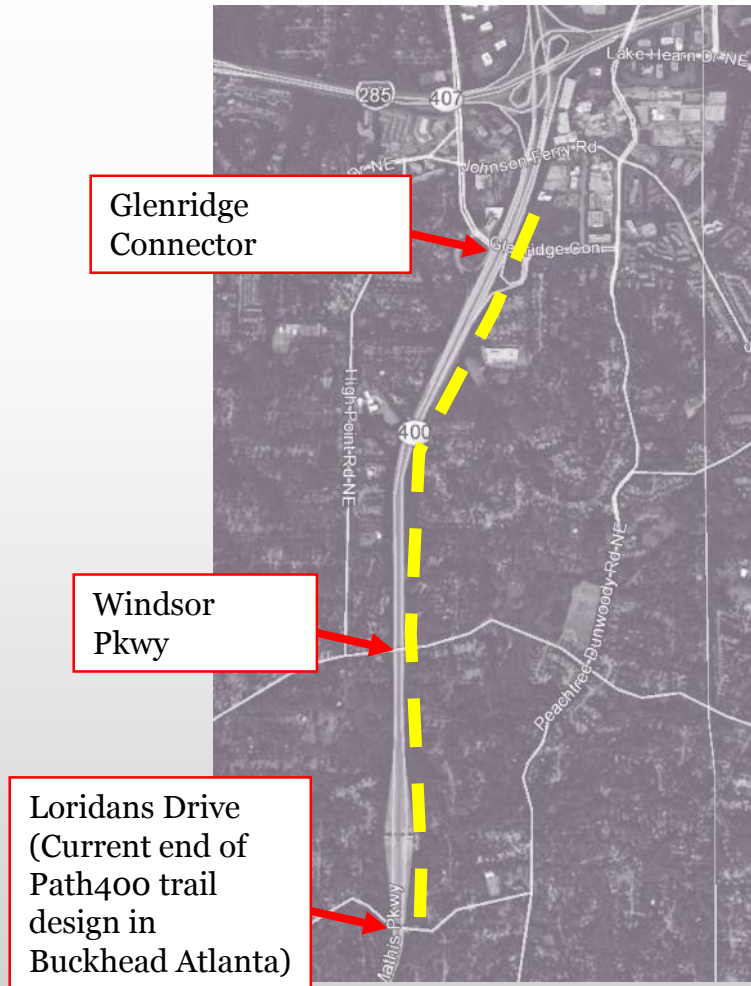
Lead organization for design in coordination with numerous agency and civic partners

Lead organization for development and construction with Livable Buckhead and partners

Supportive organization for planning and funding for initial Path400 development

Where is proposed path in Sandy Springs?

Proposed Design Extension



Georgia DOT I-285/SR 400 Path



What are the Next Steps? Enter into formal agreement

- Livable Buckhead and Sandy Springs may enter into formal agreement to continue Preliminary Engineering (PE) design for trail from Loridans Drive in Atlanta to I-285/SR 400 path
- Current design funding is for PE only for SR 400 trail
 - Need to execute agreement between Sandy Springs and Livable Buckhead
 - Procurement executed through Sandy Springs
 - Opportunity to enhance Scope of Work to develop concepts for east-west trail connections or extension of trail north of I-285 (with local funding support from Sandy Springs)

Funding Summary – PE FY 2016

Federal	\$496,000
Local	\$124,000
(Livable Buckhead, Path)	
Total	\$620,000

February 17, 2016

Mrs. Denise Starling
Executive Director
Livable Buckhead
3340 Peachtree Road, NE
Suite #1640
Atlanta, GA 30326

RE: Letter of Intent
Between City of Sandy Springs, Livable Buckhead and PATH Foundation
Project: PATH400 Greenway extension Loridans to I-285/GA SR400 interchange at Glenridge

Dear Mrs. Starling and Mr. McBrayer:

Please accept this Letter of Intent between the City of Sandy Springs and Livable Buckhead and PATH Foundation for the purpose of soliciting and hiring a consultant to provide design services, including the tasks outlined below, between Loridans Drive in the City of Atlanta to the I-285/GA400 interchange at approximately Glenridge Drive;

- Corridor survey/mapping,
- Public Engagement,
- Concept design plans and approvals per GDOT Plan Development Process,
- Environmental Clearance,
- Preliminary Plans and Approvals,
- Final design plans and approvals, and
- Cost Estimates for the extension of PATH400

It is our understanding that Livable Buckhead plans to advertise the request for Proposal (RFP) as soon as February 15 and that the procurement process will take approximately 60 days to complete. The work is funded with federal TAP monies and estimated completion date is January 2017. Upon receipt of the proposals, the technical staff for the City of Sandy Springs, Livable Buckhead and PATH Foundation will review and come to a mutually agreeable selection of the consultant. The City of Sandy Springs will serve as the official project sponsor for GDOT and acknowledges that the project management of the study will be performed by Livable Buckhead and PATH Foundation. All parties will have equal voting and approval rights of the consultant selection.

Project: PATH400 Extension from Loridans Drive to I-285/GA SR400 Interchange

Partners: City of Sandy Springs, Livable Buckhead, PATH Foundation

Project Timeframe: Request for Proposals to be advertised with proposals due in 30 days of advertised date. Contract to be awarded within 60 days of advertisement. Design work to be completed within 9-12 months of contract award.

Financial Arrangement: The project has been awarded \$625,000 (total) in federal funds. The local match for this work will be provided by the PATH Foundation. In the event proposed costs exceed the available funding, the City of Sandy Springs will provide additional funding. Consultant contract and agreement will be prepared and administered by the City of Sandy Springs.

Technical Staff: For the City of Sandy Springs members include Garrin Coleman or his designee. For Livable Buckhead members include Denise Starling or her designee. For PATH Foundation members include Pete Pellegrini or his designee.

Acceptance: This letter of Intent is hereby accepted by the following:

City of Sandy Springs: _____
(John McDonough, City Manager)

Date: _____

Livable Buckhead: _____
(Denise Starling, Executive Director)

Date: _____

PATH Foundation: _____
(Ed McBrayer, Executive Director)

Date: _____

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LETTER OF INTENT WITH LIVABLE
BUCKHEAD AND PATH FOUNDATION FOR SR 400 TRAIL DESIGN
FROM LORIDANS DRIVE TO I-285/SR 400 INTERCHANGE,
FULTON COUNTY, CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, it is necessary, from time to time, to establish policies, procedures and guidelines consistent with the administration of a municipal government consistent with the US Constitution, Federal Statutes, alignment with Federal, Georgia's State Constitution, and the Charter for the City of Sandy Springs, and

WHEREAS, the City Manager directed the Department of Public Works to develop standard policies for recurring matters, to establish appropriate internal controls and legal compliance, and to provide for an efficient and effective means to serve constituents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA

That they authorize the City Manager to sign a Letter of Intent with Livable Buckhead, Inc. and Path Foundation to coordinate Preliminary Engineering design of a Path400 Trail extension from Loridans Drive to the I-285/SR 400 Interchange trail, Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia.

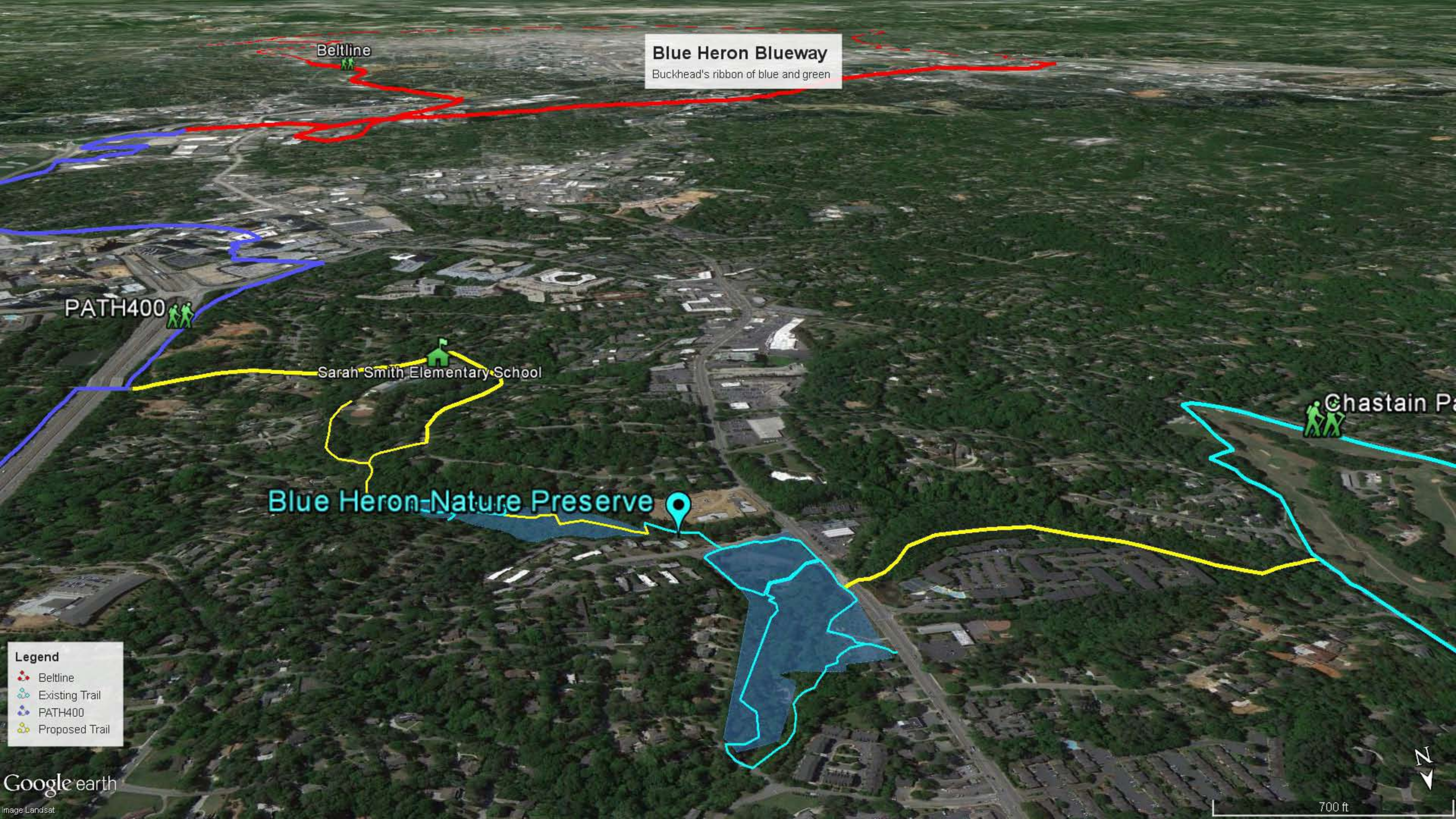
RESOLVED this the 16th day of February, 2016.

Approved:

Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Casey, City Clerk
(Seal)



Beltline

Blue Heron Blueway

Buckhead's ribbon of blue and green

PATH400

Sarah Smith Elementary School

Blue Heron Nature Preserve

Chastain Park

Legend

- Beltline
- Existing Trail
- PATH400
- Proposed Trail